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# 1965 MASTER FARM FAMILIES OF ALBERTA



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## FOREWORD



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THERE are a few people in every occupation and profession who stand out from the rest because of their ability, and the contributions they have made to their work and their community.

This is true of Master Farm Families. They have used their initiative and their skill to develop better farms. They have shown their courage and ability to face the challenge of the changing times by the application of modern technology. They testify to the craftsmanship that still exists in farming even in a day of mass production.

Perhaps more important, they have set a good example in family living and community service. Harmony in family living, achievement of family goals, and a full contribution to the community as responsible citizens are marks of Master Farm Families.

On behalf of the government of Alberta, the Alberta Department of Agriculture, and the farmers who made the nominations, I am happy to offer sincere congratulations to the 1965 Master Farm Families for a job well done, and for making their communities better places to live.

HONORABLE HARRY E. STROM,  
Minister of Agriculture.

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WEST CENTRAL ALBERTA

# ALBERT SEUTTER FAMILY

OF SOUTH EDMONTON



Daughter Sharon, 16, assists her mother in the bright, modern kitchen of their new home.



Master Farmer Seutter and Mrs. Seutter.



An appreciation of land, respect for good cattle, sound farm management and family co-operation have paid off for the Albert Seutter family of South Edmonton, named 1965 Master Farm Family for West Central Alberta.

Mr. Seutter has lived all his life on this farm where he was born and which is now home to him, his wife and their two children, Harry and Sharon. Harry, 19 years old, works very closely with his father both in operating and managing the farm. He is presently completing his course at Vermilion Agricultural and Vocational College. Sharon, 16, is attending high school and helps with farm and home chores.

The operations of the farm, which measures just less than one section, centre around an excellent herd of dairy cattle producing fluid milk. The quality and the record of this herd is outstanding — approximately seventy cows with an average D.H.I.A. production record of over 13,000 pounds of milk. The crop production is planned to supply this herd; forage crops for pasture, hay and silage, rotated and balanced with some oat and barley production. A good cultural program and wise use of chemicals have eliminated any need of fallow. With the continued use of records and adaptation of new technology in both crop and livestock production, Mr. Seutter has developed a very efficient farm program.

The buildings of the very attractive farmstead are well located and well maintained, protected by a natural grove of trees. They are dominated by the large dairy barns and upright silos. The family home, a spacious new house set attractively in an area of large open lawns, shelter trees and extensive flower beds, is well planned for family needs and community hospitality.



**A scene of pastoral perfection, the attractive farmstead and a portion of the Seutter herd.**



**In the spacious dairy barn, son Harry, 19, checks over the performance records with his father.**



In addition to their busy farm schedule, the family still finds time for community service. All members are active in the church and church affairs. Mr. Seutter is a member of the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce and numerous agricultural associations. Mrs. Seutter is a leader of the local 4-H Club, as well as a participant in many other community activities. Both the children are members of 4-H Clubs.





**SOUTHERN ALBERTA**

## **PETE MORISON FAMILY**

**OF AIRDRIE**

"Received from Morison of Airdrie, some well-finished steers which topped the market today . . ."

This often-heard excerpt from Radio Livestock Market Quotations indicates "Pete" Morison's accomplishment as a commercial livestock producer, and his solid farm management, combined with wholesome family life has established the Morison family as worthy recipients of the Master Farm Family Award for Southern Alberta.

In 1946, Allen I. "Pete" Morison and his young wife bought 400 acres of land west of Airdrie. The family now farms eleven quarter sections, of which 800 acres produce oats and barley. They have reduced their summerfallow to about 250 acres yearly while the balance of the land, of a rougher nature, is used for pasture for the cow-calf operation. Cover crop is grown on the summerfallow for fall and winter grazing. Their success with almost continuous cropping is to a large extent due to the use of fertilizers. Stubble crops generally

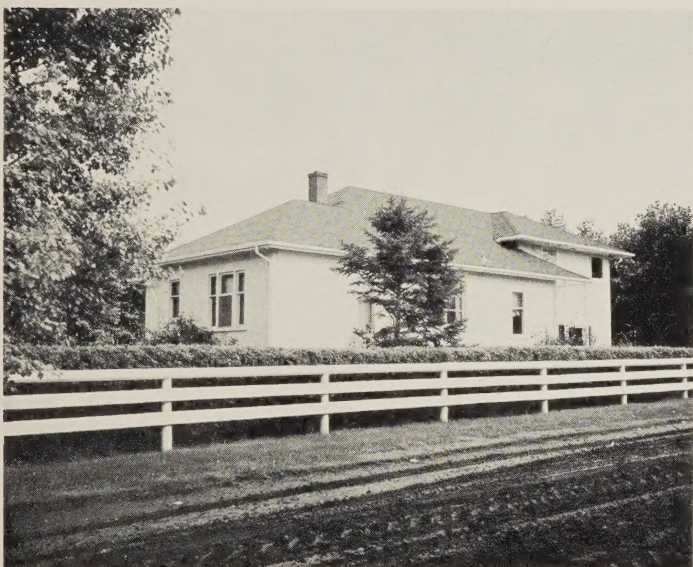


**Master Farmer Morison and Mrs. Morison.**





Mrs. Morison and daughter Dawn enjoy all the modern conveniences in their spacious, well-planned kitchen.



Carefully tended lawns, trees and shrubs provide an attractive setting for the Morison farm home.



Pete Morison inspects a portion of the herd, with sons Howard 12, and Bill, 19.

receive 100 pounds of 33.5-0-0 in the fall and 40 pounds of 11-48-0 in the spring and they also spray for weeds. In addition, fields are periodically put down to forage mixtures and the manure from the feeder operation is spread on the hay land.

The Morisons feed out about 450 head of yearlings annually. Some of these are produced from their own cow herd of over a hundred while the rest are purchased. The number bought for the feed lot is adjusted to supplies of feed and prevailing conditions. Balanced rations with protein and mineral supplements are used and some silage is also fed. Good management and planning, together with careful husbandry of crops and livestock are evident throughout the Morison farm. They make the best use of their full line of modern equipment, and maintain a good workshop where they do most of their own welding.

Every window in the Morison farm home frames a lovely garden view. Lawns, trees and shrubs, accented by colorful beds of annuals and perennials form an attractive home setting.

There are three special dividends on the Morison farm, Bill, 19, Dawn, 16 and Howard, 12. Bill completed an auctioneering course last year and now works with his Dad toward a farming career with the family. Dawn, who has won several awards for public speaking, is now in Grade XI, and Howard is in Grade VIII and keenly interested in farming.

The Morisons have been busy people in their community as well as on their own farm. They have taken an active interest in educational, agricultural, social and church organizations throughout the district. They also have a common bond in their love of curling, the family's favorite winter sport.

All three of the Morison children have been active members of the Airdrie 4-H Beef Club and the family room of their home is liberally decorated with trophies and silverware won in 4-H competition.

The Morison family uses its land in a manner which is compatible to both the nature of the soil and the agricultural economy of our time; they recognize and respond to the needs of their community, and appreciate the intangible values of good family living. They are a true Master Farm Family.





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Mike Dupilka Family,  
Athabasca



Pete Morison Family,  
Airdrie

Albert Sorensen Family,  
Peace River



Albert Seutter Family,  
South Edmonton





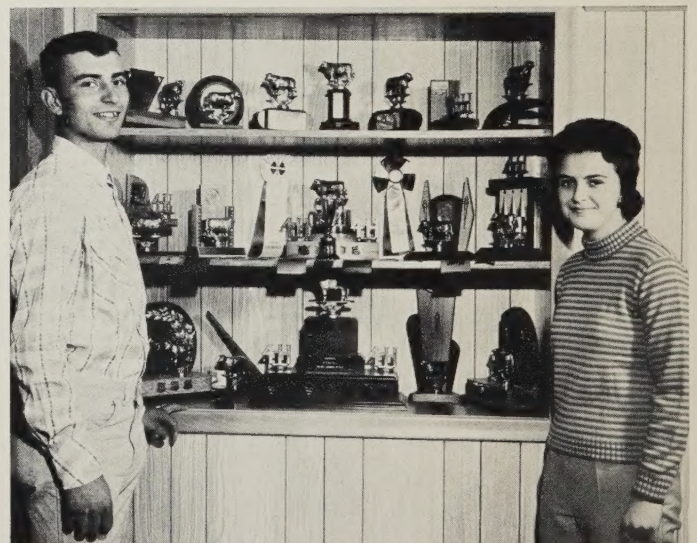
NORTHERN ALBERTA

# MIKE DUPILKA FAMILY

OF ATHABASCA



Master Farmer Dupilka and Mrs. Dupilka.



Son Don, 21, and daughter Joanne, 16, show some of the awards they have received for their 4-H beef and dairy projects.



The Mike Dupilka family of Athabasca has demonstrated that a successful farm and home operation can be developed on grey wooded soils. A continuous cropping program with suitable fertilizers, forage and cereal crops and an integrated livestock program, coupled with hard work, sound planning and good management, have contributed materially to their success. From a humble beginning with unproductive grey wooded and peat soils the Dupilkas have developed a highly productive, economic farm unit and a comfortable, modern home in an attractive farmstead setting.

Mike Dupilka was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and moved to the Athabasca area with his parents at an early age. For several years he farmed with his father under pioneer conditions before buying land of his own.

The Dupilkas were married 25 years ago and have lived on their present farm for 18 years. Their son Don is 21. He has completed his Grade XII and plans to work with his father under a suitable business arrangement. Joanne, 16, is now in Grade XI. She is considering the possibility of entering the nursing profession.

All members of the family are active in community work. Don and Joanne have received numerous awards and trophies for achievements in their 4-H beef and dairy projects. Don is a qualified basketball referee, while Joanne was a counsellor at the Young Peoples Church Camp this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Dupilka are charter members of the Athabasca Farm and Home Program. Their farm and home have been open to numerous tours and study groups for many years. Mr. Dupilka is a Director of the Athabasca Agricultural Society and President of the local U.F.A. He is also a member of the F.U.A., the Masons and the Anglican Church

Council. Mrs. Dupilka is an active member of the Eastern Star and the Anglican W.A. They are members of the Home and School and have actively assisted in the promotion of 4-H Club work in their district.

The Mike Dupilka family keeps excellent farm and home accounts and use these as an aid in their decision making. They farm six and a half quarter-sections of land, of which 469 acres are in cultivation. Basically, they follow a six year crop rotation; three years of forage crops followed by three years in grain. The fields are arranged in an orderly, systematic manner and the well-planned cropping program and judicious use of fertilizers have helped raise their crop yields to levels equal to those of the most productive soils of the province. The fields are bordered by excellent natural shelterbelts and several groves have been left as woodlots and to provide shelter for livestock. Their cropping program is integrated with commercial beef and hog enterprises. Calves from a 65 cow herd are carried over and marketed as finished yearlings. A hog enterprise enhances the value of the grain crops produced, and a small poultry flock provides adequate fryers and eggs for home use.

The farmstead and home are well sheltered by both natural and planted trees. Shrubs, specimen trees and flowers border the home, lawn and garden areas, while a productive orchard of small fruits and apple trees and a large vegetable garden add to the dignity of their farm and home living. The buildings, corrals and equipment are all neatly arranged, efficient and well planned.

The Mike Dupilka family exemplifies the result of using sound information and good organization. They are worthy recipients of the Master Farm Family Award.




**Hard work, sound planning and good management have resulted in a highly productive farm developed from relatively unproductive soil.**



**Good planning is evident in the efficient arrangement of the farmstead buildings, corrals and equipment.**





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PEACE RIVER REGION

## ALBERT SORENSEN FAMILY

OF BERWYN

The progress of the Albert Sorensen family of Berwyn has been not only a remarkable achievement but a rewarding experience, culminating in their selection as 1965 Master Farm Family for the Peace River Region. Balance has been the keynote of the Sorensen operation, balance between farm and farmstead, family and community life, work and play.

High crop yields of barley, rape and wheat on this rich, flat, sixteen hundred acre farm are maintained by good husbandry practices which include the use of shallow trash cover operations combined with the use of fertilizers and chemicals for weed control. Economy of production is further improved by maximum use of the well balanced line of farm machinery. Crop rotation, delayed seeding operations and seed treatment for both disease and insect control have maintained a high yield with only about ten percent of the land in summer-fallow.

Livestock is a very minor portion of the farming enterprise. A few beef cattle are kept



Master Farmer Sorensen and Mrs. Sorensen.



to utilize approximately one quarter section of rough land, while a dairy cow and a few chickens and turkeys provide milk and meat for the table.

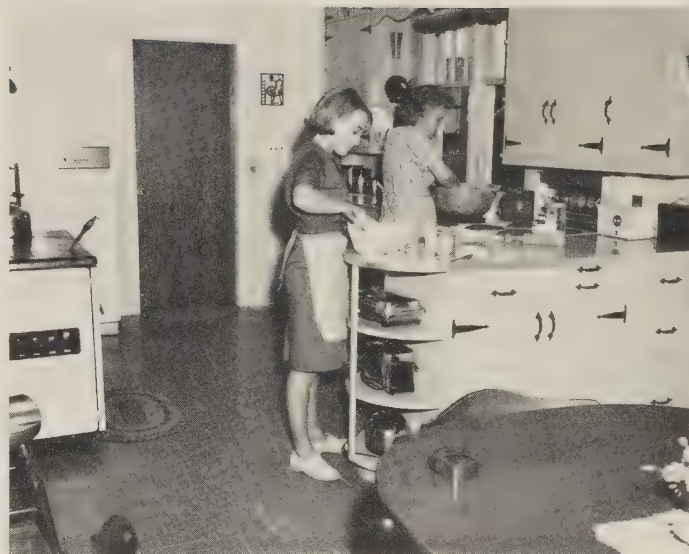
Management of a unit this size requires sound decisions. Much of the required information upon which these decisions can be based comes from a set of well kept books that give a clear picture of the production and performance of the various parts of the enterprise. Changes in operational procedures are generally based on the factual information from these accounts.

The modern farm home, built in the mid-fifties, has been and is now a social centre for the district. Of the six young people who grew up there, only three are still at home. Allan is farming with his father, and is building up his own spread about four miles from the home unit. Linda has just completed her B.Sc. degree in Home Economics at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, and has been appointed a District Home Economist with the Department of Agriculture. The youngest daughter, Elaine, is in Grade XI at school. Of the remaining children, Ted is the oldest. He holds a Ph.D. in chemistry and is a professor at the University of Alberta in Calgary. Rita, the oldest girl, is married and lives in Claresholm where she still practices as a registered nurse on a part time basis. Paul has a B.Sc. in agriculture and is operating a seed and feed plant in the Calgary district. In addition to their outstanding scholastic records, four of the children have been 4-H members, with some excellent achievements to their credit.

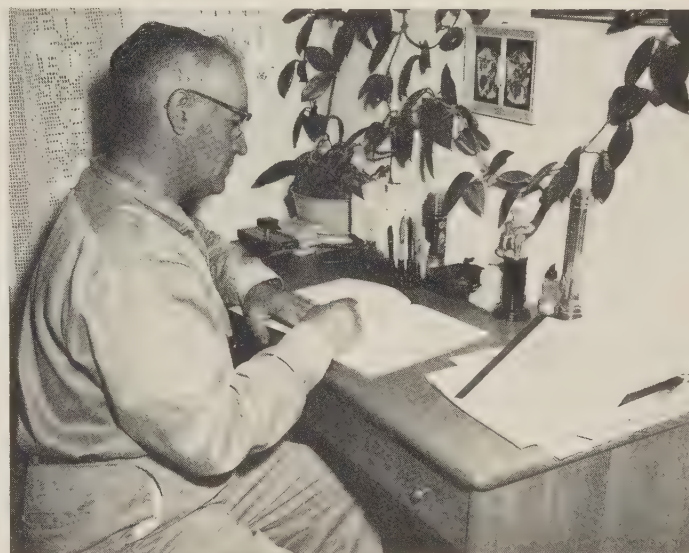
Books, music, education, travel and crafts make important contributions to the personal and cultural development of the Sorensen family. The three daughters and the oldest son have all had music lessons. Mrs. Sorensen, in addition to her homemaking duties, teaches at the craft centre in Berwyn, and the family has travelled extensively, both in this country and abroad.

In the field of community activities, the list of Mr. Sorensen's accomplishments is a long one, ranging from chairman of the school board to director of the Peace River planning commission, and from member of the municipal council to chairman of the Autumn Lodge (senior citizens' home) board. In addition, the Chamber of Commerce, the F.U.A., the United Church, the Home and School Association, F.W.U.A., 4-H (both agricultural and homemaking), and the church choir have all benefitted from the active participation of members of this family, both as directors and working members.

This thumbnail sketch of the Albert Sorensen family and their operations in the Berwyn district indicates their eligibility to join the ranks of Alberta's Master Farm Families.



**Mrs. Sorensen is assisted in the kitchen by daughter Linda, now a Home Economist with the Alberta Department of Agriculture.**

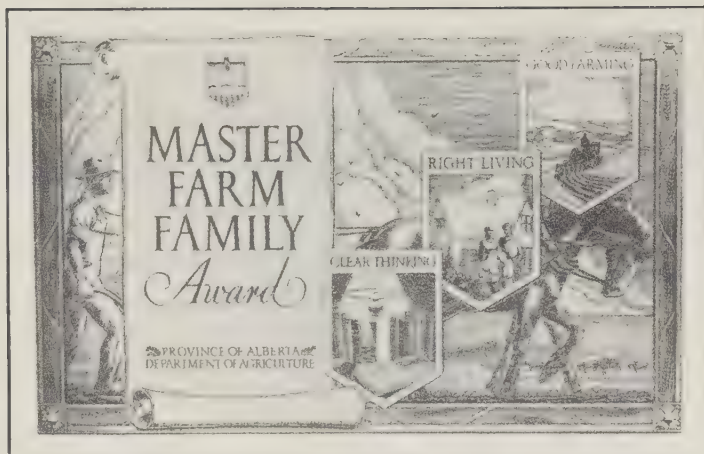


**A well-kept set of books provides a clear picture of the production and performance of various parts of the Sorensen enterprise.**



**The Sorensen home has been and continues to be a social centre for the district.**





#### 1949

J. G. DUSSEAUULT FAMILY ..... VIMY  
 W. J. EDGAR FAMILY ..... INNISFAIL  
 L. R. JENSEN FAMILY ..... MAGRATH  
 J. E. MELENKA FAMILY ..... WARWICK  
 JOSEPH PAQUETTE FAMILY ..... DONNELLY

#### 1950

EMILE CAMMAERT FAMILY ..... ROCKYFORD  
 CHARLES KALLAL FAMILY ..... TOFIELD  
 ROY BALLHORN FAMILY ..... WETASKIWIN  
 E. S. PARSON FAMILY ..... BOYLE  
 FRED LABRECQUE FAMILY ..... SPIRIT RIVER

#### 1951

J. G. POROZNI FAMILY ..... WILLINGDON  
 J. W. HOSFORD FAMILY ..... SOUTH EDMONTON  
 FLOYD GILKYSON FAMILY ..... LA GLACE  
 VICTOR WATSON FAMILY ..... AIRDRIE

#### 1952

JESSE COLE FAMILY ..... CLIVE  
 JOHN LAMBERT FAMILY ..... MANNING  
 E. R. LEWIS FAMILY ..... STONY PLAIN  
 J. H. SCHMALTZ FAMILY ..... BEISEKER  
 JOHN SKRYPITSKY FAMILY ..... MUNDARE

#### 1953

FRANK JACKSON FAMILY ..... KEG RIVER  
 ERNEST BELZIL FAMILY ..... ST. PAUL  
 EMIL KVARNBERG FAMILY ..... BUFORD  
 LESTER LOHR FAMILY ..... ERSKINE  
 HOWARD HYMAS FAMILY ..... ROSEBUD

#### 1954

HARLIE CONRAD FAMILY ..... CLAIRMONT  
 MARTIN ARNDT FAMILY ..... BARRHEAD  
 ADAM BUYER FAMILY ..... CARBON  
 W. R. STORCH FAMILY ..... GARDEN PLAINS  
 A. W. KING FAMILY ..... HIGH RIVER

#### 1955

THE ROBINSON FAMILY ..... PINCHER CREEK  
 B. O. BROWN FAMILY ..... ACME  
 CHRIS SCHNEIDER FAMILY ..... VEGREVILLE

#### 1956

A. D. FRASER FAMILY ..... TEEPEE CREEK  
 ALFRED ROSE FAMILY ..... ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE  
 JOHN ROZMAHEL FAMILY ..... VIKING  
 WILFRED MCGILLIVRAY FAMILY ..... COALDALE

#### 1957

NO AWARDS

#### 1958

JAMES McCULLOCH FAMILY ..... DIDSBURY  
 MEL WOOD FAMILY ..... TOFIELD  
 ANDREW JESPERSON FAMILY ..... STONY PLAIN

#### 1959

A. M. ROBERTSON FAMILY ..... CARSTAIRS  
 GEORGE COWLING FAMILY ..... HIGH RIVER

#### 1960

H. M. HANEY FAMILY ..... IRON SPRINGS  
 J. R. CROZIER FAMILY ..... ST. ALBERT  
 ARTHUR BATES FAMILY ..... ACME  
 CHRIS OESTER FAMILY ..... PARADISE VALLEY

#### 1961

G. R. POWLESLAND FAMILY ..... DEL BONITA  
 E. SCHIELKE FAMILY ..... CARSTAIRS  
 J. W. PEARSON FAMILY ..... EDBERG  
 MARTIN FELSTAD FAMILY ..... DAPP

#### 1962

GEORGE DECHANT FAMILY ..... FAIRVIEW  
 ALBERT KAMPS FAMILY ..... LACOMBE  
 N. SIGURD NIELSON FAMILY ..... STANDARD  
 J. HAROLD McLAUGHLIN FAMILY ..... SPRUCE GROVE

#### 1963

DONAT DUMONT FAMILY ..... BONNYVILLE  
 MEL QUANCE FAMILY ..... GADSBY  
 EWALD KADATZ FAMILY ..... SOUTH EDMONTON  
 GEORGE DUDLEY FAMILY ..... MAGRATH

#### 1964

CHARLIE MOORE FAMILY ..... DEBOLT  
 KEN BURNS FAMILY ..... DIDSBURY

#### 1965

ALBERT SEUTTER FAMILY ..... SOUTH EDMONTON  
 PETE MORISON FAMILY ..... AIRDRIE  
 MIKE DUPILKA FAMILY ..... ATHABASCA  
 ALBERT SORENSON FAMILY ..... BERWYN



ONE common denominator is this. Agriculture is a basic industry. You have to eat even before you have steel plants or great modern capital goods plants. And it's a basic industry in nearly every country. And agricultural development is usually the forerunner to the development of other segments of a Nation's economy. And I find all too often, that many of us want to project ourselves deep into the twentieth century before we've had a chance to catch up with some of the fundamentals. You can't have a Ph.D. degree before you finish high school. This is the same as saying that you need agricultural development before we can have a rich, prosperous and industrial society.

I say this because justice for the farm producer means justice for the worker, justice for the corporation, means economic prosperity for the country. You can't have a three-legged stool with one leg sawed off or one shorter than the other, and expect to have much stability. And that three-legged stool is management, labor or capital, and agriculture.

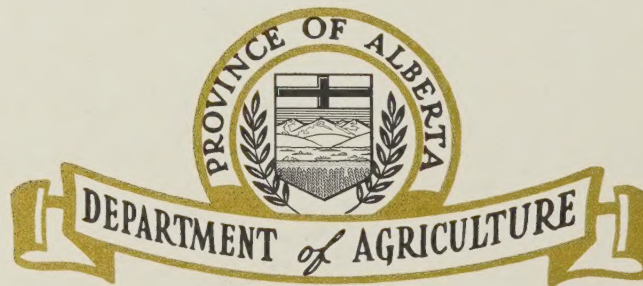
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ALBERTA GOVERNMENT WHICH  
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FARM FAMILIES WHO HAVE  
MADE AN OUTSTANDING  
SUCCESS OF FARMING, HOME-  
MAKING AND CITIZENSHIP.



ISSUED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF  
HON. HARRY E. STROM  
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE



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